

Francis Griswold for many years kept what was called the Cold Water Tavern; so called because it was near a stream of cold water that came rushing down the mountain. He was a pioneer of Clinton Twp., from Massachusetts, a sturdy business man. In addition to his hundreds of acres of land, he purchased one thousand acres from the government. He was noted for his benevolence and interest in public advancement."

Laura Griswold 7, the third child of Francis and Jane Loomis Griswold, was born July 7, 1826, in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, Pa., and died March, 1924, in Clinton Twp. She is buried in the Clinton Cemetery.

Some of her memories were of Conestogas standing in the yard of her father's inn while their owners were resting, on their way West. She recalled one hunting season when foxes were piled high in the dooryard.

She attended Bethany Academy, at Bethany, Wayne County, Pa. She traveled to and from home by ox-cart. She was always busy, and in her leisure did fancy work or read. She embroidered by hand all her marriage linens and lingerie, and wove yarn carpet and upholstery material for her 'best room' and countless yards of rag carpet. She rose very early. On Sunday mornings she read the Bible for several hours.

Laura Griswold Loomis was about five feet four inches in height. In her late years she weighed about ninety pounds. She had penetrating blue eyes, dark hair, and a round, kindly face. She was proud, ambitious, artistic, and a constant reader. She possessed a keen analytical mind and a splendid memory.

On May 20, 1846, she was married to Hiram Pease Loomis at Aldenville Pa. They had four children all born in Clinton Twp., Pa.:

1. Theron Orasmus b Feb. 25, 1848; died Nov. 26, 1911
2. Oliver Grove b Aug. 16, 1857; d Apr. 23, 1862
3. Helen Annette b Feb. 21, 1860; d Nov. 17, 1860
4. Francis Earl b Dec. 17, 1861; d Sept. 30, 1921

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me,  
'Tis only noble to be good.  
Kind hearts are more than coronets,  
And simple faith than Norman blood."

- Alfred Tennyson